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Dear Mr. Davis,

Our office received a letter from you on March 25, 1998. In it you state that the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Political Action Committee appears to have exceeded the \$5,000 per election limit for making a contribution to a candidate for federal office. In support of this, you enclosed two of our PAC's Schedule B reports, one for the period of 12/01/95 - 12/31/95 and the other for the period of 06/01/97 - 06/30/97. The contribution highlighted in each of these reports was made to the Wyden for Senate committee.

The \$5,000 contribution made in December of 1995 was for the 1996 Senate Primary election. The \$2,000 contribution made in June of 1997 was for the 1998 Senate Primary election. In our Schedule B report, it appears that the contribution in December 1995 was made after the election date that year and the FEC has chosen to apply the contribution amount to the following election (Senate Primary 1998).

In actuality, the December 1995 \$5,000 contribution was for Debt Retirement for the 1996 Senate Primary election. This was not properly indicated at the time of that month's FEC filing. We hope this explains our Schedule B report and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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